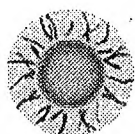


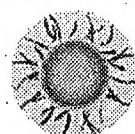
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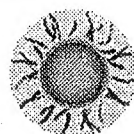
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## Students Stung by Killer Fees

**Tony Dreibus**  
Senior Staff Writer

**U**NO students received their invoices from the university recently, and it's not just tuition they're paying. In addition to the \$71.50 per-credit-hour tuition Nebraska residents pay, there is a \$75 technology fee (based on 15 credit hours), a \$2 photo fee and a \$103.75 University Program and Facilities Fees (UPFF). These are "mandatory, non-refundable" fees, according to the UNO undergraduate catalog.

Other fees include the 88 laboratory/ special instruction fees ranging from \$3 for certain accounting classes to \$300 for three credit hours in applied music. They are also non-refundable.

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## Tomassito's Now Offers Virtual Food

**Nathan Dobbs**  
Staff Writer

**T**omassito's Italian Cafe is not only in the Milo Bail Student Center Food Court, but now available in virtual reality on the Internet.

The National Association of College and University Food Service (NACUFS) sponsors many on-line tours of university based food service establishments.

"Tomassito's is a concept, licensed by NACUFS, for those schools who can't afford to have the big name food chains," Guy Conway, director of the student center, said.

"UNO's Tomassito's Cafe is one of the nicest one's around," he said. "NACUFS had UNO represent all Tomassito's on the web because it is one of the premiere installations."

This tour is a recent development.

Since the site is updated regularly he believes the tour will be on the net for another six months.

The web address is [www.nacufs.org](http://www.nacufs.org). Net surfers can expect to see pictures of the facilities and of the student center.

For those surfing on an empty belly, virtual reality restaurants only serve virtual reality food.

## Video Conference on Race Issues Held

**Tony Dreibus**  
Senior Staff Writer

Black or African-American? Hispanic or Mexican? Asian or Oriental?

What to call a person from a different ethnic group is a touchy subject.

The root of this discomfort and inability to discuss race issues was the topic of an open forum and live video conference held Wednesday in the auditorium of the Eppley Administration Building.

The theme of the video conference was "Racial Legacies and Learning: How to Talk About Race."

It featured five panelists from academic, corporate and civil rights groups.

A similar local group was assembled, and the forum was opened for questions and comments from the audience of about 120.

The board consisted of Claudette Lee, assistant professor of social work; Henry D'Souza,

Ph.D, associate professor of social work; Susan Bauers-Joslin, Ph.D, vice president of student and alumni services from Methodist College of Nursing and Allied Health; Robert Campos, CEO of Campos construction, and Karen Sheppard, attorney at law, OPS Board of Education and adjunct professor in the black studies department.

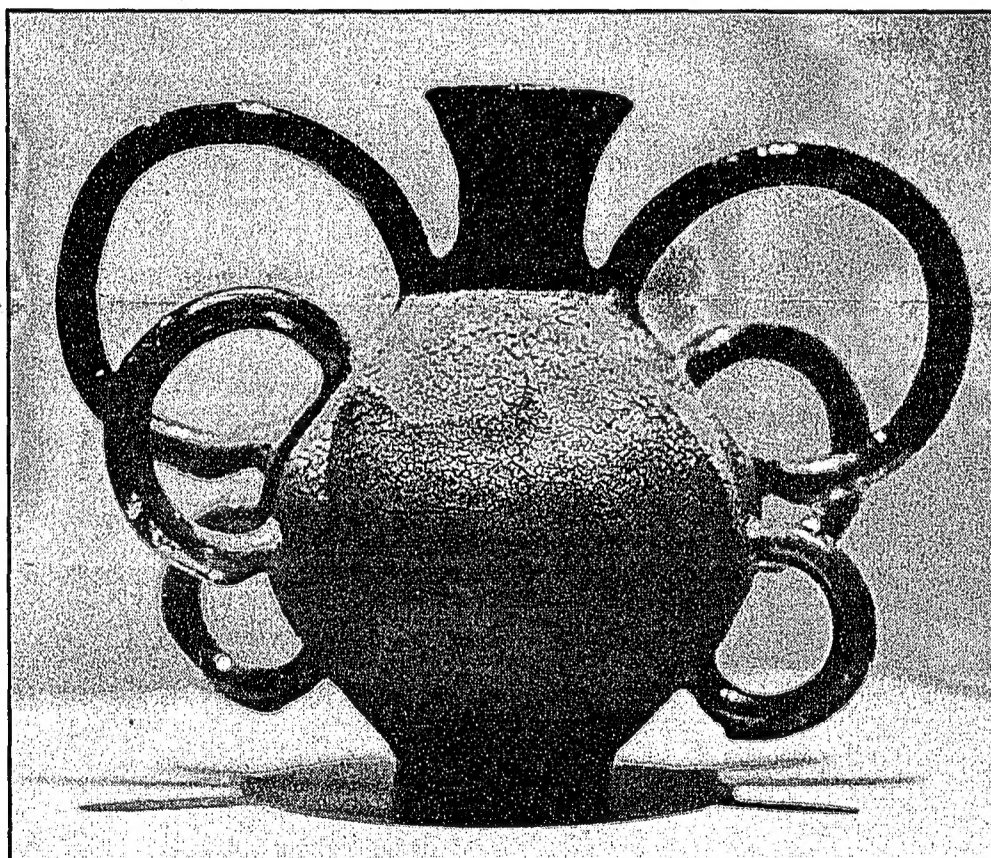
"I've noticed Nebraska is very uncomfortable about race," Sheppard, a New York native, said.

"The dialogue of race is something we cover our heads to," Campos said. "We don't understand it, and don't want to understand it."

In attendance were several community and campus leaders, including Chancellor Nancy Belck, James Conyers, Jr., chair of the black studies department, Student President/Regent Jon Shradar and Mary Mudd, vice chancellor for student affairs, who organized the event.

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## "I am a Beautiful Butterfly"



Nicki Evans', a Nebraska Wesleyan student, had her work along with other students' work displayed at the Nebraska Art Teacher's Association Juried Student Exhibition at the UNO art gallery. Above is Evans' work of Raku style pottery "Butterfly Vase."

## New Program Designed to Help Freshmen

**Ana Merizalde**  
Staff Writer

**U**NO faculty and staff are invited to attend an organization meeting of the new Adopt-A-Freshman pilot program today at 3 p.m. in the Dodge Room of the Milo Bail Student Center.

The new program aims to enhance the connection between UNO students and the university.

"We've invited faculty and staff who would be interested in mentoring freshmen students," Derek Hodgson, vice chancellor for academic affairs, said. "One of the disadvantages for students at a metropolitan campus is that they're not quite as intimately connected to the university as students in residence situations. They don't spend much time here if they're not in class."

When Hodgson came to UNO in July, he was concerned by "this lack of connectedness with students. I wanted to find a way to combat this."

Although there has been talk about meeting the needs of students on a commuter campus, this program is one of the first to be attempted at UNO.

"It will surely be my hope that it will continue, until we don't need it anymore. No one is going to coerce students into being more interactive," Hodgson said.

He said this program is an attempt to "proactively help, specifically freshmen, with their college experience. We want to help students who clearly need our help, seeing as how freshmen are making the biggest transition."

## Hollywood Fitness Craze Hits UNO

**Rebecca S. Moermond**  
Staff Writer

"Everybody walks out feeling great, saying, 'I did it, wow!'"

Enthusiastic students in leggings and sweatshirts swarm outside the door to the aerobics room at Gold's Gym eagerly, when waiting for TBK Mix class to begin.

It is a sport, commercially known as Tae Bo, that combines Tae Kwon Do, karate, boxing and dance to offer a workout that enhances both strength and balance, said Jen Taylor, head of the aerobics department at Gold's

Gym on 108th and Maple.

It is meant to be hard, yet entertaining, said Doug Haftings, UNO senior physical education major. He is participating in the class to increase his heart rate and get fit. He wants something that is more challenging than just a, "step step turn step type thing."

Even if you are really out of shape, it's not hard to keep up with the TBK mix, said Monica Montgomery recent UNO graduate. She said she has already lost 10 pounds with the kicking and punching from only five classes. The simplicity of it is what really attracted me to the class,

Montgomery said.

The intense alternative aerobic workout, which was created in Hollywood in the late 1980s by fitness expert Billy Blank, has attracted names such as Neve Campbell, Farra Fawcett and Pamela Anderson. Taylor attended a conference in Chicago led by Blank last May and was hooked.

The variety of people interested in TBK Mix is amazing, Taylor said. People in her classes range from age 16 to 60. Everyone from house wives to men, who compete in kick boxing tournaments, participate.

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## RACE: UNO is Host for Conference

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A group of about 25 Methodist College of Nursing students and several students from the College of St. Mary were also in attendance.

The discussion was heated at times, with many members from the audience speaking their minds on general race issues.

UNO's involvement in how to talk about race and plans on what needs to be done to improve relations between all ethnic groups was also brought up.

"We are taking steps backward," Belck said. "We haven't done enough in higher education. Leadership has to set the stage, and higher education should take leadership."

Some audience members also felt that simply discussing the issue was not enough.

"We have to be more action oriented," Myra L. Butts, director of the math and science coalition at Metropolitan Community College, said. "We need some brave people to get to that level of implementation."

## FITNESS: A Craze For All Ages

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"When I say it is simple, I really mean it is simple," Taylor said. "The choreography is such that anyone can do it." She rarely turns around and sees anyone lost.

The simplistic style would definitely attract the fitness novelist, yet, what does TBK Mix offer the hard core body buffer?

TBK is something anyone can get interested in and stay intense about said Tanya Cate, UNO business graduate student and employee of Gold's Gym. "It is something new, and it's something different," Tanya said. "It's a fast-paced high energy class, much different from the step aerobics classes you might usually see offered at gyms."

Elements of a body building and balance workout are also incorporated into this cardiovascular workout to cater to a wide range of fitness needs.

In addition to the basic physical health benefits, TBK Mix also incorporates many mental health aspects.

Taylor was so impressed by how

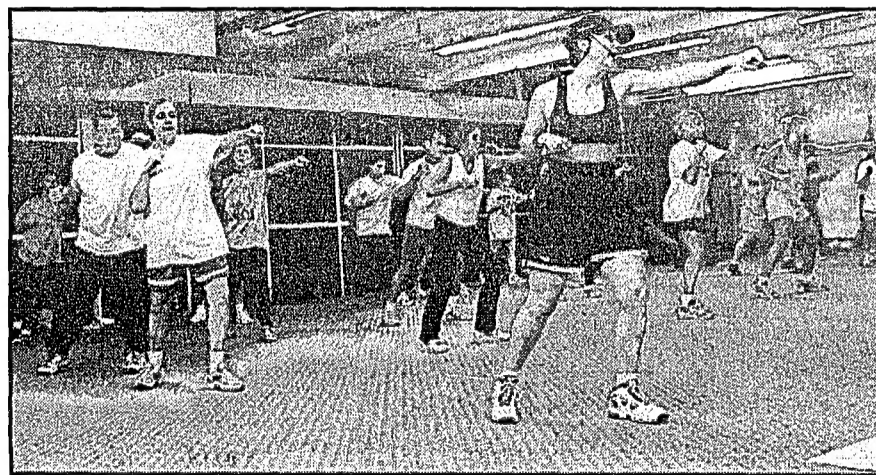
empowered she felt after taking the class, that now she incorporates the self-esteem and self-defense aspect of Tae Bo into her program. She tries to make all of her clients aware of the power they possess.

When the beat starts, the aerobics room is immediately transformed into a focused group of athletes. But with school back in full swing, how can students find the time to workout?

This class is great for college students and anyone with a busy schedule, Taylor said. It is one hour long during the week and one hour and 15 minutes on the weekends. The only requirement is a "good attitude," Taylor said.

"It is such an awesome workout," said Jaclyn Thomas, UNO junior marketing major. "I can't wait until class next Saturday."

People are definitely taking a special interest in fitness, said Taylor, and TBK Mix is a class that anyone can walk out of feeling successful.



SH Steve Houlton

Instructor Angie Sanders leads a Tae Bo style workout at Gold's Gym in Omaha. This new style is creating a craze at UNO.

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## Mulder Remembered

A tribute to the life and accomplishments of Michael Mulder is being held today at 5 p.m. in the Strauss Recital

Hall. Mulder, UNO's dean of the College of Information Science and Technology, died Jan. 2 at the age of 57.

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# Filling Space: Ball Point Zen

Give it to me, baby. Uh-huh! Uh-huh! - The Offspring

No one likes to stop. However, in a civilization like ours we all have a responsibility to slow down for yellow lights and stop for red lights. Now, that may seem pretty obvious to all of you but, come on and admit it, applying pressure to the brake pedal is a pain in the butt. Truth be told, the only reason most people actually stop is because they know if they don't they'll run into a car going through the intersection to the tune of a green light and that's an even bigger inconvenience.

Lately in Omaha red light runners have become a huge nuisance. It seems to have caught the attention of the mayor and the Omaha City Council. I guess they had some poor sap stand at an intersection one day and they counted 90 violations.

Well, duh. What city have they been living in for the past few

years? It's Death Race 2000 out there during rush hour. Only 90 violations? Geez, he/she must have been at a slow intersection. I count that many violations just waiting for my light to turn green again. My friend Tyson counts four or five thousand just waiting for the bus. Usually five or six pedestrians and bikers are run down too. (How many points is that anyway? Isn't it dependent on age? Babies and elderly people are worth more, right? Cool.) I don't know about you, but my hand gets tired from flipping people off as they block the intersection when the light changes or nearly miss me trying to speed through at the last millisecond. I've had to start an exercise program for my middle finger. Up, down, up, down.

Running red lights is an Omaha tradition. Road rage was invented here. We are the origin of social breakdown in the United States. The heart of chaos.

Whoopie! We suck!

But wait. Hold on there. Whoa. Seems they want to put a stop to this behavior by using a slick new device they attach to poles at busy intersections. It's a camera that takes your picture as you run the light.



Then they send you the picture in the mail along with a bill for \$85. Wow.

How many orphans could we feed with that kind of bread? Well, none, because the money wouldn't go to orphans. It would go to the company in Arizona that invented this monstrosity of mechanized impartiality. That's capitalism for you. I mean, what guy was sitting around one day thinking, "Hmmm...we need a

camera that can be hooked up to stop lights to take pictures of cars running through the lights. Hey, wait a minute. That's a money-maker if I can just sucker some city into buying 80 of them. Which shouldn't be hard considering they have to buy four for each intersection. Hot dog!"

Which brings us to my hero Ernie Chambers. He seemed to be the only guy in the state who realized this was a really bad idea, not to mention illegal. State Sen. Chambers personally argued against the city's ordinance in Douglas County District Court. He calls this whole mess "gadget justice."

Ha! What a card. That guy is a riot. Five stars, man, five stars.

Fortunately for the rest of us, Judge Patricia A Lamberty agreed with Chambers and now, you guessed it, no more click, click.

If you don't know who Ernie Chambers is, I'll give you a clue: When you're flipping through the channels from 90210 to The Real

World have you ever stopped on 23 and listened to a guy with sprinkled gray in his hair and beard talk about the problems with "white people?" Yep, that's him. District 11. He's the man.

No matter what your opinion of him is, you have to admit the guy has...uh...guts. Huge guts. Guts of steel. Without him most people wouldn't even realize what was going on down in Lincoln. I mean there's only explanations of bill LB whatever that a person can sit through before falling asleep.

When you're asleep they try to slip in things that aren't really that beneficial to you and I. Chambers is the Unicameral watchdog. We need him.

It would do most of good to be more like him. Including me, I guess.

Hey, the world loves a wannabe. So, get out there and do that brand new thing. And don't stop...er...or do. Uh-huh. Uh-huh

## Senator's Parking Solution Defies Logic

Finding a parking spot on campus is often difficult, and commuting from Aksarben can be an inconvenience.

Student Government is a medium in which to address this issue and conjure up solutions.

When I sat in on a recent Student Government meeting, a student representative thought a solution would be to force the freshman to park at Aksarben.

This is not a positive solution.

Making freshman park at Aksarben would make these students feel second-rate, or unimportant. Second-rate students would feel less welcome and be more compelled to drop out. Since, student retention is also an issue on this campus, Student Government should not take

actions that could result in increased drop-out rates among freshman. Therefore, Student Government should not place parking restrictions upon freshman.

I've been at UNO for three years. Experienced students are less likely to drop out. I hold the issue of student retention to be of extreme importance. Perhaps parking could be used to help retain students.

I propose that Student Government encourage juniors and seniors to park at Aksarben on the first day of every semester to allow the choice parking for freshman and sophomores. This gesture of good will would be like saying, "we are glad you chose UNO, and we hope you get off to a good start."



## Letters To The Editor

Dear Editor,

This letter is in response to the "Planned Parenthood Puts Patients at Ease" article in the Dec. 8 issue of the Gateway. The article stated Planned Parenthood provides sex education, training and medical services. The following are some additional facts about Planned Parenthood:

The birth control pill, Depo-Provera and Norplant are all abortifacients.

The birth control pill can cause the following side effects: weight gain, bloating, blood clots, high blood pressure, breast cancer,

headaches, nausea, vomiting and bacterial infections.

The reason Planned Parenthood can sell its birth control pills cheaper is because it receives \$150 million from American taxpayers, and also receives grants from many foundations and corporations.

Saving sex for marriage provides real freedom from unexpected pregnancy, emotional pain from broken sexual relationships and sexually transmitted diseases.

Mary Jane Ziola  
Metro Right to Life

Dear Editor,

Mr. Christiansen ("Christiansen: A Man on a Mission," Jan. 26) indicated that Fontenelle is "lacking in basic teaching supplies;" that he "has seen first hand the neglect in the school system;" that he "has spent \$300 of his own money for basic teaching supplies;" that he will provide funds for "desperately needed supplies."

Fontenelle School has absolutely nothing to do, and no association with the event Mr. Christiansen has scheduled.

Fontenelle Schools is a well supplied school. Teacher has the basics, plus many extra supplies. The district does an outstanding job of providing for our teachers and our students.

There is no neglect in the public school system, at least as it is related to the Omaha Public School system.

If Mr. Christiansen spent \$300 on "basic teaching supplies," his cooperating teacher was unaware. We are wondering what those "basic supplies" were.

Fontenelle School is a positive, safe, welcoming, productive learning environment for students.

Good intentions do not negate the need for honesty and integrity.

Sincerely,

Trish Marcuzzo, principal  
Fontenelle School

Tim Barry, PTA/PTSA president  
Omaha Public Schools

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# The Cheap and The Choice

compiled by Christine Kasel and Brandon Pappas

## Friday, January 29

**"Nebraska Art Teachers Association Juried Student Exhibition"** UNO Art Gallery, Del and Louann Weber Fine Arts Theatre. UNO students keep us in awe with this new showcase. See what lurks in the minds of those around, as you gander into visual offerings. Regular gallery hours are Mon. thru Fri. 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. or by appt. Call 554-2796.

**UNO Maverick Hockey** Omaha Civic Auditorium, 1804 Capitol Ave. The UNO Mavericks are gearing up for some serious action tonight. Never been to Niagara Falls? How about seeing Niagara fall? Its East coast meets Midwest in this all-out feud. The Mavs are determined to stick to Niagara's figure skating rejects. This is a definite must see for the weekend. The Mavericks host Niagara Fri., Jan. 29 and Sat. Jan. 30. The puck drops at 7:35 p.m. both days. Tickets are \$8.50, \$10.50 and \$12.50. For more info. call 554-MAVS.

**"Lasermajic Rock"** Mallory Kountze Planetarium, Durham Science Center. Pink Floyd: The Wall (the entire double album) highlights Fri. and Sat. nights during Jan. Shows start at 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. Tickets are \$5 per person. Matinee Star Shows are "Cosmic Catastrophes" at 1 p.m. and "The Secret of the Cardboard Rocket" at 2:30 p.m. Physics Hotline, 554-3722, or check out the web site at [www.physics.unomaha.edu](http://www.physics.unomaha.edu)

**"Smoke on the Mountain"** Omaha Community Playhouse, 6915 Cass Street. Call it Hee-Haw with talent or Redneck Roundup, but ya gotta call it a good time. The folks down at the Playhouse know how to entertain and make you feel at home. "Smoke on the Mountain" features over two dozen songs and hilarious stories from the Sanders Family Singers in this North Carolina congregation. This feature runs from Jan. 22 thru Feb. 21. Curtain time is 7:30 p.m. on Tue. to Sat, 6:30 p.m. on Sun. with a Sun. matinee at 2 p.m. Tickets on Sun. thru Thur. are \$23/public and \$11/students, Fri. and Sat. tickets are \$26/public and \$13/students. Ya'll don't miss this one, ya hear?

**"Nunsense II"** Dundee Dinner Theatre, 5021 Underwood Avenue. Friday is the opening night for "Nunsense II" at the Dundee Dinner Theatre. Let's see now, this play has nuns winning the Publishers Clearing House and being chased by Franciscans, it's also a sequel to the highly successful original "Nunsense." What else could you want? Well, how about dinner to add more enjoyment? All this fun could get you arrested, but at the Dundee Dinner Theatre they won't tell. Showtimes are Thur. to Sat. at 8 p.m. with an optional dinner at 7 p.m. On Sun. there is a matinee at 2 p.m. Tickets range from \$13.50 to \$24.95. For more info. call 558-8535.

## Saturday, January 30

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Ensemble has been winning crowds for over five years. The eight piece act knows how to keep a crowd interested as they belt out some of the smoothest harmonies of old and new. It is now Omaha's turn to hear the culture and tradition the New England Spiritual Ensemble has provided for audiences such as CBS's Sunday Morning show and NPR's Performance Today. This one time event starts at 7:30 p.m. See it so you don't regret it at only \$15 per person and free to students. For more info. call 554-3427.

**"Three Viewings"** The Blue Barn Theater, 614 South 11th Street, Old Market. Set in a Midwestern funeral parlor, these are the tales of three characters and their relationship with the recently deceased. This critically acclaimed act will only be here until Feb. 21. Shows are at 8 p.m. Thur. thru Sun. Tickets to this explosive adventure are \$12/adults and \$10/students and seniors. For more info. call 345-1576.

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## Maverick Swimmers Head to St. Louis

Andy Nordmeier  
Sports Editor

The Maverick swimming and diving team is in St. Louis, Mo. This weekend they will compete in the Washington University Invitational.

The Washington University Invitational served as a "springboard" for the Mavericks to have a final tune-up for the North Central Conference meet and they performed well at it.

In addition to the conference aspect, the Mavericks will also use the meet as a chance to qualify more team members for the national meet to be held March 10-13 at a site to be announced.

Head Coach Todd Samland has many Mavericks capable of making the national field as evidenced by the 17 school records set this season. Tasha Soby, a freshman from Burke High School in Omaha, has four individual records (the 50- and 100-yard freestyle as well as ones

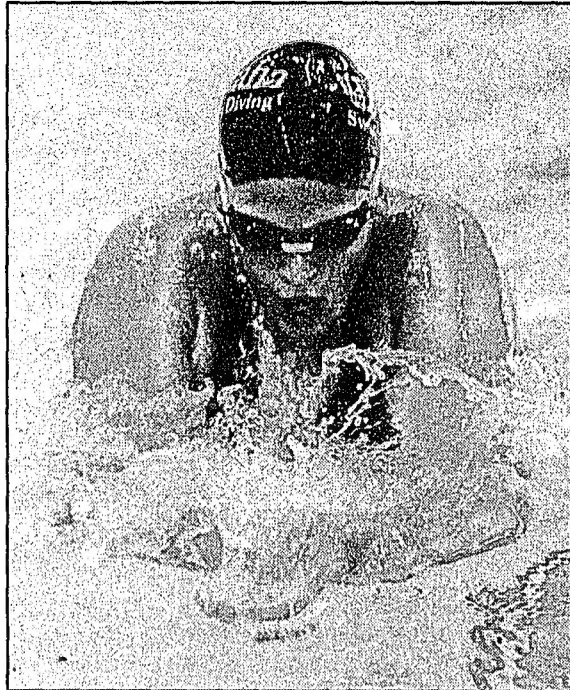
in the 100- and 200-yard backstroke) to compliment her being a part of three record-setting relay teams.

Another record-setting freshman is Jamie Haferbier who has the school records in the 100- and 200-yard breaststroke. Haferbier qualified for the nationals in the 100-yard breaststroke with her 1:09.76. Aimee LaFave also holds a pair of records (200-yard butterfly and 400-yard individual medley) as does sophomore Kristy Malone (500-yard freestyle and 1650-yard freestyle).

Freshman diver Aja Wurth has been scoring bunches of points off of the boards including a national qualifying mark of 417.90 points in the one-meter dive against Northern Colorado on Jan. 17.

The relays have also set records this year with times tumbling in the

200-, 400- and 800-meter freestyle relays as well as the 200- and 400-yard medley relays.



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UNO freshman Jamie Haferbier practices her form in the 100-yard breaststroke.

As planned in the schedule and as similar to last season, the Mavericks will have three weeks away from competition so they can focus on preparing for the

North Central Conference meet held on

Feb. 18-20 in Grand Forks, N.D. Last year the team finished sixth in the seven-team field.

## Icemen Don't Want to Fall to Niagara Again

Andy Nordmeier  
Sports Editor

The Maverick hockey team will try to get back at the Purple Eagles of Niagara and get its offense back on track this weekend when the Maverick hockey team hits the ice in the Omaha Civic Auditorium tonight and tomorrow night.

The Mavericks (5-20-0) come limping into this weekend's games following an abysmal road trip to Alaska-Fairbanks where they were swept and shutout in both games. That is a stark turnaround for the Mavericks who scored 16 goals in their three previous games, all wins. Niagara (11-8-2) has been scoring but are losers in four of their last six including getting swept at Air Force last weekend.

These two teams are familiar with each other as they have already played a series in November against each other. Niagara swept that series, winning 4-0 and 6-2 in New York. This will also be a match-up of independent teams in Division I hockey as the Mavericks are a second-year independent while Niagara is in its first year.

In the nets, Niagara has been riding junior goaltender Greg Gardner. He was in net for both games against the Mavericks in November and is among the top 20 goaltenders in the nation with his 2.62 goals against average, .917 save percentage and three shutouts this year. Niagara also has posted early-season wins over defending national champion Michigan and Ohio State.

The fact the Mavericks are playing in the Civic Auditorium is encouraging as that is the site of all five wins this year. In those wins, the Mavericks scored first in every game. A discouraging fact is that the Mavericks are 1-9 this year in games decided by two goals or less.

No one's quite sure which



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UNO's Dave Noel-Bernier is staying focused on keeping control of the puck while Air Force's Mike Keough is trying to tie him up.

Maverick team will show up at the rink this week. The one that has filled the nets this year, scoring 29 times in five wins, or the one that has scored 28 goals in 20 losses and has been shutout four times.

Jason White, the Mavericks' leading scorer, has been banged up since getting hammered into the boards and injuring his neck in the Fairbanks series. Two of the top five scorers,

Billy Pugliese (four goals and seven assists) and Jason Cupp (three goals and eight assists) were both healthy scratches on the Fairbanks trip and have sat out three straight games including the second home game of the Air Force series.

After the Purple Eagles leave, the Bison of the University of Manitoba come into town next weekend for at least one late-season exhibition game.

## Mavs to Face UCO, UNK with Creighton

Andy Nordmeier  
Sports Editor

The Maverick wrestling team will have the services of senior

All-American and defending national champion Braumon Creighton available for this weekend's dual meets against the University of Central Oklahoma and the University of Nebraska-Kearney. Both matches start at 7 p.m. in the Sapp Fieldhouse.

Creighton, the Mavericks' man in the 141-pound weight class with a 27-3 record this year, suffered a knee injury in the semifinal of the NCAA Division II National Duals last weekend in Edmond, Okla.

"He strained the ligaments in his knee," Maverick Head Coach Mike Denney said Tuesday afternoon, "there was no cartilage tear. He kept it elevated and iced Saturday and Sunday and we gave him some anti-inflammatories.

"I'm glad we didn't wrestle him. There was quite a bit of pain there.

There are certain things he can't do but he'll be ready to go on Friday," Denney said.

With a banged-up Creighton in the lineup, the Mavericks will feature the "usual suspects" in nine of their 10 roster spots. The only spot still remaining up in the air is the carousel of wrestlers in the 133-pound class. Mack LaRock (18-7) will lead things off in the 125-pound class.

Creighton is slated to go in the 141-pound class with Boyce Voorhees (11-1) following him in the 149-pound class. Alan Cartwright (18-6) will grapple at the 157-pound class with 165-pound wrestler Chris Blair (18-8) and 174-pound wrestler Albert Harrold (19-10) after him in the lineup. Scott Antoniak (22-8) will wrestle in the 184-pound class with Jose Medina (22-6), the Maverick 197-pound wrestler, and heavyweight Jerry Corner (22-3) rounding out the lineup.

Over the last three weeks, Denney has used Renard Terrell, T.J. Brummels and Jeff Nielsen at 133. This weekend will mark the

debut of a fourth wrestler in that class in Ricky Frausto.

"He's wrestled well all year," Denney said about Frausto, the sophomore from Amarillo, Texas, and "we wanted to give him a chance."

The Mavericks will definitely need to bring their best to the mats both nights as Central Oklahoma (No. 6) and Nebraska-Kearney (No. 9) are both in the top 10 in the nation along with the No. 2 Mavericks.

Central Oklahoma finished sixth in the national duals and the Broncos have a 5-2 mark in dual action this year. Central Oklahoma's best

wrestler is in the top-ranked man in the 157-pound class, Jody Marple. Marple is one of two Broncos ranked in the top eight in his respective weight class. Jeremiah Constant is sixth in the 197-pound class according to the current rankings.

"Central Oklahoma is a good test for us," Denney said.

Nebraska-Kearney is a perfect 8-0 in duals this year and finished sixth at the national duals a week ago. The Antelopes have a pair of ranked wrestlers on their team. Troy Keiswetter is fourth in the 141-pound class while Joe Renfro checks in at fifth in the 149-pound class.

The wrestlers who will not be in the duals against Central Oklahoma and Nebraska-Kearney will be hitting the mats in the Iowa Central Community College tournament this weekend.

The NCAA rule that calls for a drawing of the starting weight will be in effect for both meets and that may factor into the strategy used by each of the coaches. These are two of the three home meets for the Mavericks this year. The third is on Feb. 19 when North Dakota State comes to town on senior night.

Next weekend, the Mavericks hit the road again and face another pair of top-10 teams. They lock up with No. 3 South Dakota State in Brookings, S.D. next Friday and will wrestle No. 7 Minnesota State-Mankato next Saturday night in Minnesota.



# Mavericks Look to Rebound in Second Half of Season

Andy Nordmeier  
Sports Editor

The Maverick basketball teams are halfway through their respective North Central Conference seasons and neither coach is where they want their teams to be.

On the men's side of the hardwood, Kevin Lehman has been hit by a couple of injuries that have slowed the men's team down somewhat. Guard Patrick Voss didn't practice Monday or Tuesday after suffering a shoulder injury and guard Mike Simons is playing on an injured ankle. The team has also been suffering from nicks, bruises and some tendinitis in the knees.

Nothing can slow Lehman's drive to take his team to the top. Currently the Mavericks sit at 4-5 in the conference and are part of a logjam for sixth place. The Mavericks are three games behind league-leading South Dakota (15-3 overall, 7-2 in the conference), their opponent tonight who they took to overtime before falling 84-83 on Jan. 3 in the Sapp Fieldhouse.

"We always want to be within striking distance," Lehman said, "so we have to make a move."

The Mavericks are coming off of the loss that snapped their three-game winning streak, a 73-71 setback that Northern Colorado stuck them with Saturday night in Greeley, Colo.

"Northern Colorado is a very good team," Lehman said, "they were ready and waiting for us." Lehman also said Northern Colorado forced the Mavericks into playing a half-court game which hurt the Mavericks.

They'll need that offense against South Dakota, the team leading the conference in scoring (87.9 points per game), scoring margin, field goal percentage, three-point field goal percentage and rebounding defense.

The Mavericks are currently fourth, scoring about 80 points a game.

Another obstacle the Mavericks will have to overcome is the fact they're a "spurt team," according to Lehman. They can put the points on the board quickly and in bunches then go silent on the score sheet for a while.

Saturday night, the Mavericks will play the Morningside Mustangs in

Sioux City, Iowa. Morningside is part of the logjam at 4-5 in the conference and they are 11-8 overall.

The Mavericks beat Morningside 92-86 in the Sapp Fieldhouse in January.

"We have a hill to climb," Lehman said, "we're trying to put on a new era of Maverick basketball. They play extra hard and this is probably the closest knit group I've coached."

After this two-game road trip, the Mavericks hit the home hardwood Feb. 5-6 for games against St. Cloud State and Minnesota State-Mankato. Those are two of the final five home games this season.

"We're an exciting team to watch," Lehman said, "and the crowd was instrumental in helping us win against Augustana."

On the women's side of the wood, the team has an improved record over this point last year as they are 3-6 in the North Central Conference, tied for seventh with St. Cloud State, and 8-10 overall.

"This past weekend we didn't get after it," Maverick women's head coach Paula Buscher said, "it's been a struggle to find consistency."

"They're two very good ball teams," Buscher said, "and you can not overlook any one."

South Dakota has had a slumping offense and haven't won at home in two months.

Last-place Morningside can be a threat to any team. Last weekend they put 115 points on the board against St. Cloud State and lost-so Buscher knows they can fill the basket.

Morningside has lost 10 in a row, with their last win being on Dec. 11.

"In the second half of the North Central Conference season, we'll come out with intensity and focus," Buscher said, "we will surprise some teams."

Freshman guard Jennifer Mitchell has been the team leader so far with a 16.9 points per game average to go with her 4.6 rebounds and 4.1 assists per outing. In conference play, Sarah Larson has stepped up with 15.7 points and seven rebounds a game.

"She doesn't play like a freshman" Buscher said about Mitchell, "she has great basketball awareness and savvy."

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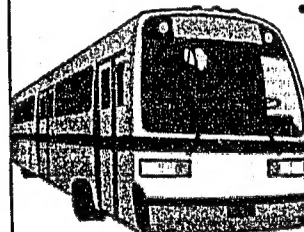
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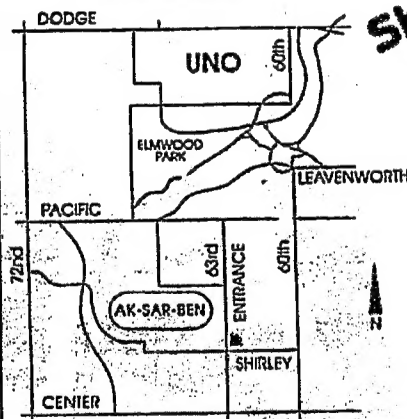
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